

California Climate Action Registry Public Workshop on Draft Updated Forest Protocol

The California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) and the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invite you to participate in a CCAR workshop to discuss a draft update to the CCAR forest protocol.

The Air Resources Board adopted the CCAR forest protocols in October 2007 as non-regulatory quantification methods for purposes of voluntary greenhouse gas accounting. The protocols were the first accounting methodologies approved for use in ARB's Climate Change Program. The Board also directed ARB staff to work with CCAR to initiate a process to update the protocols in order to encourage broader forest sector involvement and reduce potential barriers to participation. CCAR created a protocol workgroup to develop updates to the forest protocols. The Forest Protocol Workgroup has been meeting every three weeks for the last year to meet those goals, and to further improve other aspects of the protocol. CCAR has produced a draft document that it will present and discuss at the workshop.

CCAR welcomes all public participation and comments. The workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Date: Friday, December 5, 2008
Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Pacific Time)
Location: Byron Sher Auditorium
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 "I" Street (2nd floor)
Sacramento, California 95814

A workshop agenda, the presentation, and a link to the draft forest protocol update will be posted prior to the workshop meeting at ARB's Forest Protocol website at:

http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/forestry/forestry_protocols/forestry_protocols.htm.

For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live internet webcast with audio and video will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. on December 5, 2008 at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. The webcast audience will have the opportunity to submit questions and comments by email at:

auditorium@calepa.ca.gov. We recommend you download the presentation prior to the workshop and follow the proceedings with the audio-only option.

You may receive notification of upcoming ARB activities and public meetings related to forestry and AB 32 by joining ARB's Forestry electronic mailing list: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/forestry/forestry.htm> or, for activities and meetings more

generally related to climate change, sign up for ARB's Climate Change electronic mailing list at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm>.

Directions to Cal/EPA Headquarters and public transit information can be found at the California Environmental Protection Agency's web site at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>. If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Ms. Karen Snyder as soon as possible, via phone at (916) 322-5350, or e-mail at ksnyder@arb.ca.gov. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation at this workshop. If you have questions, please contact John Nickerson at (707) 468-8529, or john@climateregistry.org.